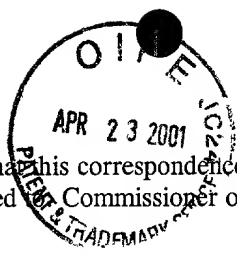


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to calculating the filing fees in the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein

- the remote data source is accessed by means of a cable network and/or a satellite network and/or an internet network.

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein

- the remote data source is accessed regularly in order to take a set of updated contents associated with a message for display of the database.

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5. A method according to claim 1, wherein

- the statistical parameter used is an identifier of the message for display, the identifier being a piece of information such as an address, or a word, by which the message for display can be characterized.

6. A method according to claim 1, wherein

- a statistical parameter pertaining to a frequency of use of the message for display is placed in a piece of statistical information,

and wherein

- when it is no longer possible to save a message for display in the back-up memory, a message for display present in the database is eliminated, starting from the least used message.

7. A method according to claim 1, wherein

- the decoder is associated with a server of an operator,
- a set of contents pertaining to the table of statistical information is sent to the server,
- a piece of information for display, in concordance with a profile set up on the basis of the table, is received from the server.

8. A method according to claim 1, wherein

- the back-up memory is placed in the decoder.

9. A method according to claim 1 to wherein

- the database is updated when a use of the decoder allows it.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

## REMARKS

This application has been amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies in the claims.

A marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment is attached and entitled *Version with Markings to Show Changes Made*.

Entry of the amendments and early consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any extension or additional fees associated with this or any other communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1080.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 3-9 have been amended as follows.

3. A method according to [one of the claims 1 to 2] claim 1, wherein

- the remote data source is accessed by means of a cable network and/or a satellite network and/or an [Internet] internet network.

4. A method according to claim 1 [to 3], wherein

- the remote data source is accessed regularly in order to take a set of updated contents associated with a message for display of the database.

5. A method according to [one of the claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein

- the statistical parameter used is an identifier of the message for display, the identifier being a piece of information such as an address, or a word, by which the message for display can be characterized.

6. A method according to [one of the claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein

- a statistical parameter pertaining to a frequency of use of the message for display is placed in a piece of statistical information,  
and wherein

- when it is no longer possible to save a message for display in the back-up memory, a message for display present in the database is eliminated, starting from the least used message.

7. A method according to [one of the claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein

- the decoder is associated with a server of an operator,

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- a set of contents pertaining to the table of statistical information is sent to the

- a piece of information for display, in concordance with a profile set up on the

8. A method according to [one of the claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein

- the back-up memory is placed in the decoder.

9. A method according to [one of the claims 1] claim 1 to wherein

- the database is updated when a use of the decoder allows it.